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SUBJECT: U.S.-BAHAMAS MARITIME BOUNDARY

1) FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE WAS GIVEN TO BAHAMIAN EM-
BASSY MARCH4, 1977.

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS THE EMBASSY
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS TO THE UNITED STATES
FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 WHICH
ESTABLISHED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1977, A 200 NAUTICAL MILE
FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED
STATES, AND TO DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NASSAU ON
FEBRUARY 24 AND 25 REGARDING THE LIMITS OF THE FISHERY
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CONSERVATION ZONE IN AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS
THAT MARITIME BOUNDARIES ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY AGREEMENT
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES. PENDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF MARITIME BOUNDARIES BY AGREEMENT, THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH
THE PROVISIONAL LIMITS OF THE FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE.
UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED REGARDING MARITIME BOUNDARIES
IN THE AREA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES INTENDS
TO ENFORCE ITS FISHERY JURISDICTION IN THE AREA BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS UP TO
A LINE AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED PAPER.

THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE
WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, AND TO NOTE THE UNDER-
STANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE
AFOREMENTIONED LIMIT OF FISHERY JURISDICTION IS WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO THE VIEWS OF EITHER GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE
EXTENT OF INTERNAL WATERS, THE TERRITORIAL SEA OR THE HIGH
SEAS OR TO ANY POSITION WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE FUTURE
REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.
END TEXT.

2) AT TIME OF DELIVERY OF NOTE, MAP SHOWING U.S. FISHERY
ENFORCEMENT LINE WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY.

3) REFERENCED QUOTE ATTACHED PAPER END QUOTE IS A LIST OF
98 GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES WHICH FORM THE FISHERY ZONE
LINE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE BAHAMAS. A COPY OF THIS
LIST OF COORDINATES IS BEING POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY.
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